

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula ~~to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissue, in particular hard tissue and bone marrow tissue using a biopsy material holding device that can be inserted~~ insertable into the ~~a~~ proximal end of a biopsy cannula and ~~is inserted between the~~ an inner wall of ~~a~~ the biopsy cannula and ~~the~~ a tissue-removing cylinder to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissues, wherein said biopsy material holding device comprising a wire having a proximal end, a distal end and a tip at said distal end with bevelling arranged at the distal end, said wire having of said wire at a biopsy material holding device has a pre-stress angle arranged at the proximate end of the wire causing the wire including the wire tip to glide along the inner wall of the biopsy cannula when inserted into the biopsy cannula, a tip exerting a radial outward directed force on the inner wall of the biopsy cannula.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding

device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 further  
comprising a grip end, wherein ~~the biopsy material holding device~~  
~~is made of a~~ said wire is attached to a said grip end.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 ~~wherein the~~  
~~biopsy material holding device is composed of~~ further comprising  
a grip end with an attached extension shank, said ~~and wherein a~~  
wire ~~is~~ being fastened to the shank.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the  
~~wire has a tip with a~~ bevelling is at ~~and the tip, said tip~~  
having ~~with bevelling has~~ a bevelling angle B of 5° to 85°, and  
~~is facing~~ being adapted to face the ~~biopsy material tissue-~~  
removing cylinder.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1, wherein the  
bevelling of the wire is either hollow ground or bulged.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding

device for a biopsy cannula according to claim ~~1~~ 2 wherein ~~the~~  
~~said~~ wire ~~with a pre-stress angle~~ is arranged at the center of  
the grip end, with the pre-stress angle being between 1° and 90°.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 1 wherein the  
wire has a length so that the wire reaches the distal end  
~~corresponds to that~~ of the biopsy cannula when inserted in the  
biopsy cannula ~~at ends at the latter's ending.~~

Claim 8 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim ~~1~~ 2 wherein the  
grip end can be locked into the ~~grip~~ proximal end of the biopsy  
cannula.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the wire  
is firmly connected to the distal end of the shank and ~~a~~ said  
pre-stress angle is between 1° and 90° ~~is provided~~, according to  
the specific application.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The biopsy material holding  
device for a biopsy cannula according to claim 3 wherein the

length of the wire is 25 mm and ends at the direct end of a ~~known~~  
the biopsy cannula after insertion of the shank and locking of  
the grip end into the ~~grip~~ proximal end of the biopsy cannula.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).